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SUBJECT: GOI DELEGATION TO VISIT UNITED STATES TO MEET WITH KURDS

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AL-SHAIKHLI
CALLED ME TO HIS OFFICE ON DEC. 30 AND SAID THAT
GROUP OF GOI OFFICIALS LED BY MINISTER OF STATE
AZIZ AKRAWI PLANNED TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES
IN JANUARY AND MEET WITH SOME KURDS WHO ARE
NOW IN THE UNITED STATES. THE MEMBERS OF THE
DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE BABAKER MUHAMMED AL BASHDARI,
CHAIRMAN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE AUTONO-
MOUS REGION, AND FOUR MEMBERS OF THE SECRETARIAT
OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGION, NURI FAISAL, MUHAMMED
ZIMAM, SHIHAB AHMED, AND WIDAT AJAM. HE SAID THAT
THE DELEGATION WOULD SOON APPLY TO USINT
FOR VISAS.

2. SHAIKHLI THEN SAID THAT HE HAD CALLED ME IN FOR
TWO REASONS, FIRST TO INFORM ME OFFICIALLY OF
THE TRAVEL PLANS OF THE DELEGATION AND SECOND,
TO ASK FOR SECURITY PROTECTION FOR THE DELEGATION
WHILE THEY WERE IN THE UNITED STATES. HE SAID
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THAT THE DELEGATION HOPED TO INFORM THE KURDS
IN THE UNITED STATES OF THE MEASURES TAKEN BY
THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ WITH RESPECT TO THE
AUTONOMOUS REGION. ACCORDING TO SHAIKHLE,
ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEETING WILL BE MADE THROUGH
THE IRAQI INTERESTS SECTION WASHINGTON. THE

USG IS NOT BEING ASKED TO PLAY ANY FACILITATIVE
ROLE OTHER THAN TO PROVIDE SECURITY.

3. I REPLIED THAT I DID NOT ANTICIPATE ANY
PROBLEMS IN PROVIDING SECURITY BUT THAT I WOULD
GIVE HIM AN OFFICIAL REPLY AS SOON AS I HAD HEARD
FROM WASHINGTON.

4. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, AZIZ
AKRAWI WAS A MINISTER OF STATE BUT IS NOT CURRENTLY
A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. THE MEMBERS
OF THE DELEGATION APPEAR TO BE PRO-GOVERNMENT KURDS
WHO ARE ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH COMMUNICATION WITH
THE KURDISH EXILES IN EUROPE AND IN THE UNITED STATES.
I RECOMMEND THAT WE ISSUE THE VISAS AND RESPOND
POSITIVELY TO THEIR REQUEST FOR SECURITY PROTECTION.
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